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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 8550

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Eric B. Bond et al. Confirmation No. 5411

Serial No.: 09/852,889 Group Art Unit: 1711

Date Filed: May 10, 2001 Examiner: U. K. Rajguru

Title: Fibers Comprising Starch And Biodegradable Polymers

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- No additional fee is known to be required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) MINUS	(Col. 3) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
TOTAL	*		**	=	x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	*		***	=	x \$84 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL \$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
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